permits for exploration of gold. HGML has informed that the company has taken steps like modernization/expansion of its mines and mills, deepening of shafts, exploratory surface/underground diamond drilling, opening up of new satellite mines, searching new gold bearing areas under the reconnaissance permit/prospecting licenses etc., in order to boost production of gold.

New Mines

2830. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had found new mines across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the revenue to be generated therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 65 new mines on major minerals were found during the year 2004-05.

(c) The revenue to be generated cannot be assessed at this moment. However, the revenue accrued on account of royalty is collected and retained by respective State Governments.

2831. Cancelled

Status of proposal for Welfare of disabled

t2832. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pertaining to the disabled people sent to the State Government of Chhattisgarh during January, 2002 to October,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.